

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASS.
Civil Action No. _____

KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD..)

Plaintiff,)

MAGISTRATE JUDGE Blin

v.)

JAMES CAIRNS and PATRICK CONNOR'S
TAVERN, INC
d/b/a PACKY CONNORS)

Defendants,)

RECEIPT # 61996
AMOUNT \$ 250
SUMMONS ISSUED MBS
LOCAL RULE 4.1
WAIVER FORM
MCF ISSUED
BY DPTY. CLK. 12W
DATE 2/10/05

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD., by and through its undersigned attorney, Gary D. Berkowitz, Esq., sues the Defendants JAMES CAIRNS and PATRICK CONNOR'S TAVERN, INC d/b/a PACKY CONNORS

Jurisdiction

1. This action arises under Section 705 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. §§ 605 and 553
2. Jurisdiction in this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1331
3. Venue in this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) as these claims arose in this district

Parties

4. The Plaintiff, KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD., "KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD." is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal office and place of business located in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

5. The Defendant, JAMES CAIRNS and PATRICK CONNOR'S TAVERN, INC

is a Massachusetts corporation authorized to and transacting business as "PACKY CONNORS" from its principal place of business located at 203 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119.

6. Defendant, James Cairns, is, upon information and belief, owner of Packy Connors.

Preliminary Background

7. **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** entered into a closed-circuit television license agreement to exhibit the closed-circuit telecast of the March 1, 2003 Championship boxing match between Roy Jones, Jr. V. John Ruiz, from the Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, including undercard or preliminary bouts (the boxing match and all related bouts are collectively referred to as the "Event"), at closed-circuit locations such as theaters, arenas, bars, clubs, lounges, restaurants and the like throughout Massachusetts (the "License Agreement"). **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** paid substantial fees for its license.

8. **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** entered into the License Agreement for the purpose of distributing for a commercial gain the closed-circuit broadcast of the Event to various business establishments throughout Massachusetts.

9. The closed-circuit broadcast of the Event was not intended for the use of the general public. In Massachusetts, the closed-circuit broadcast of the Event could only be exhibited in a commercial establishment if said establishment was contractually authorized to do so by **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**

10. Pursuant to the License Agreement, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** marketed and distributed the closed-circuit rights granted to it. **KINGVISION PAY-**

PER-VIEW CORP., LTD., through its agents, contracted with various establishments throughout Massachusetts and granted to such establishments the right to broadcast the Event in exchange for a fee.

11. The transmission of the Event was electronically coded or "scrambled". In order for the signal to be received and telecast clearly, it had to be decoded with electronic decoding equipment.

12. The transmission of the Event was available to the Defendants to purchase for broadcast in **PACKY CONNORS**. Had they done so, they would have been authorized to receive, transmit and publish the Event in **PACKY CONNORS**. Defendants did not, however, contract with **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** or any of its agents, to obtain the rights to broadcast the Event.

13. The establishments which contracted with **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** to broadcast the Event were provided with the electronic decoding capability and/or satellite coordinates necessary to receive the signal of the Event.

14. On March 1, 2003, in violation of **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**'s rights and federal and state law, the Defendants willfully intercepted and/or received the interstate communication of the Event. In the alternative, the Defendants assisted in the receipt of the interstate communication of the Event. The Defendants then transmitted, divulged and published said communication, or assisted in transmitting, divulging and publishing said communication, to patrons within **PACKY CONNORS**.

15. The Defendants misappropriated **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**'s licensed exhibition of the Event and infringed upon **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**'s exclusive rights while avoiding proper payment to **KINGVISION PAY-PER-**

VIEW CORP., LTD. Defendants' actions were committed willfully and with the express purpose and intent to secure a commercial advantage and private financial gain.

16. The Defendants enabled the patrons within **PACKY CONNORS** to view the Event to which neither the Defendants nor the patrons were entitled to do.

17. The persons whom Defendants permitted to view the Event would otherwise have been able to view it at a commercial establishment only if said commercial establishment was properly licensed and authorized by **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**

18. The Defendants were not authorized to intercept, receive or transmit the communication of the Event or to assist in such actions in any form or at any time.

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. §553

19. **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** hereby incorporates the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 18 above as if the same were fully set forth and realleged herein.

20. The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §553 (Section 553") provides, in relevant part:

No person shall intercept or receive or assist in intercepting or receiving any communications service offered over a cable system, unless specifically authorized to do so by a cable operator or as may otherwise be specifically authorized by law. 47 U.S.C. §553(a)(1).

21. The Defendants' wrongful actions in connection with the Event, as described above, were in violation of Section 553.

22. Section 553(c)(1) provides that "[a]ny person aggrieved by any violation of subsection (a)(1) of [§ 553] may bring a civil action in a United States district court" to

recover damages as described further in § 553(c).

23. **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is a person aggrieved by Defendants' violations of Section 553, and it is therefore authorized to institute this action against the Defendants to recover damages from the Defendants for their violations of Section 553 and their interference with **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**'s proprietary rights.

24. As a result of the Defendants' wrongful acts, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is entitled to the statutory damages provided for in Section 553.

25. Because of Defendants' wrongful actions, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is entitled to judgment against the Defendants for (a) statutory damages in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) pursuant to § 553(c)(3)(A)(ii); (b) statutory damages for willfulness in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), pursuant to § 553(c)(3)(B); and (c) full costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to § 553(c)(2)(C).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**, requests that this Court enter judgment, jointly and severally, against Defendants James Cairns and PACKY CONNORS, for:

(a) Statutory damages in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) pursuant to § 553(c)(3)(A)(ii);

(b) Statutory damages for willfulness in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), pursuant to § 553(c)(3)(B);

(c) Full costs and expenses of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to § 553(c)(2)(C); and

(d) Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II

VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. § 605

26. The Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25 of the Complaint.

27. The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 605 ("Section 605"), provides in relevant part:

. . . No person not being authorized by the sender shall intercept any radio communication and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of such intercepted communication to any person. No person not being entitled thereto shall receive or assist in receiving any interstate or foreign communication by radio and use such communication (or any information therein contained) for his own benefit or for benefit of another not entitled thereto. No person having received any intercepted radio communication or having become acquainted with the contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of such communication (or any part thereof) knowing that such communication was intercepted, shall divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of such communication (or any part thereof) or use such communication (or any information therein contained) for his own benefit or for the benefit of another not entitled thereto.

28. The Defendants' wrongful actions in connection with the Event, as described above, were in violation of Section 605.

29. Section 605(d)(6) provides that "any person with proprietary rights in the intercepted communication . . ." may bring a private cause of action against one who acts in violation of Section 605.

30. By virtue of the License Agreement, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** maintained proprietary rights in the intercepted communication of the Event. Therefore, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is an aggrieved person and is entitled to recover damages from the Defendants for their violations of Section 605 and

their interference with **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**'s proprietary rights.

31. As a result of the Defendants' wrongful acts, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is entitled to the statutory damages provided for in Section 605.

32. Because of Defendants' wrongful actions, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.** is entitled to judgment against the Defendants for (a) statutory damages in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II); (b) statutory damages in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(C)(ii); and (c) full costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(B)(iii).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, **KINGVISION PAY-PER-VIEW CORP., LTD.**, requests that this Court enter judgment, jointly and severally, against the Defendants James Cairns and PACKY CONNORS, for:

(a) Statutory damages in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II);

(b) Statutory damages in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(C)(ii);

(c) Full costs and expenses of this action, including attorney's fees pursuant to § 605(e)(3)(B)(iii); and

(d) Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: February 8, 2005

BY: 

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. TITLE OF CASE (NAME OF FIRST PARTY ON EACH SIDE ONLY)

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2. CATEGORY IN WHICH THE CASE BELONGS BASED UPON THE NUMBERED NATURE OF SUIT CODE LISTED ON THE CIVIL COVER SHEET. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(A)(1)).

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- I. 160, 410, 470, R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.
- II. 195, 368, 400, 440, 441-444, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, 740, 790, 791, 820*, 830*, 840*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950.
- III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.
- IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.
- V. 150, 152, 153.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASS.
*Also complete 40.121 or 40.121
for patent, trademark or copyright cases

3. TITLE AND NUMBER, IF ANY, OF RELATED CASES. (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(G)). IF MORE THAN ONE PRIOR RELATED CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN THIS DISTRICT PLEASE INDICATE THE TITLE AND NUMBER OF THE FIRST FILED CASE IN THIS COURT.

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4. HAS A PRIOR ACTION BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES AND BASED ON THE SAME CLAIM EVER BEEN FILED IN THIS COURT?

YES

☒ NO

5. DOES THE COMPLAINT IN THIS CASE QUESTION THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN ACT OF CONGRESS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST? (SEE 28 USC §2403)

YES

☒ NO

IF SO, IS THE U.S.A. OR AN OFFICER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. A PARTY?

YES

☒ NO

6. IS THIS CASE REQUIRED TO BE HEARD AND DETERMINED BY A DISTRICT COURT OF THREE JUDGES PURSUANT TO TITLE 28 USC §2284?

YES

☒ NO7. DO ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THIS ACTION, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ("GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES"), RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE IN THE SAME DIVISION? - (SEE LOCAL RULE 40.1(D)).☒ YES

NO

A. IF YES, IN WHICH DIVISION DO ALL OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES RESIDE?EASTERN DIVISION

CENTRAL DIVISION

WESTERN DIVISION

B. IF NO, IN WHICH DIVISION DO THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAINTIFFS OR THE ONLY PARTIES, EXCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS RESIDE?

EASTERN DIVISION

CENTRAL DIVISION

WESTERN DIVISION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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I (a) PLAINTIFFS

KINGVISION PAY- PER- VIEW, LTD.

DEFENDANTS

JAMES CAIRNS and PATRICK
CONNOR'S TAVERN, INC.
d/b/a PACKY CONNORS

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF Broward, FL
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(For Diversity Cases Only)

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)

DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY:

47 USC § 605 (FCC radio interception)

V. NATURE OF SUIT

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CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395t) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence Habeas Corpus <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Other	LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	

VI. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
☐ UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

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Check YES only if demanded in complaint

JURY DEMAND:

YES ☒ NO ☐

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions)

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE 2/11/05

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

